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THE SECRETARY

UPI REPORTS
DIPLOMATIC
~~SECRET~~ SOURCES
IN MOSCOW
ON PLANS FOR
FORD - BREZHNEV
SUMMIT IN VLADIVOSTOK.

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SUMMIT 12-9

NIGHT LD SUMMIT

BY K. C. THALER

LONDON (UPI) -- DIPLOMATIC REPORTS FROM THE SOVIET CAPITAL SAID TODAY THAT A SUMMIT MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT FORD AND SOVIET PARTY GENERAL SECRETARY LEONID I. BREZHNEV IS BEING QUIETLY PREPARED FOR NEXT MONTH IN THE SIBERIAN CITY OF VLADIVOSTOK.

THE KREMLIN WAS SAID TO BE ANXIOUS TO SPEED A FACE-TO-FACE MEETING OF THE LEADERS OF THE TWO SUPER POWERS TO MAKE SURE WHET

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OFFICIAL SOURCES NEITHER CONFIRMED NOR DENIED THE REPORTS WHICH EMANATED IN MOSCOW.

THE PLAN APPARENTLY ENVISAGED THAT PRESIDENT FORD WOULD STOP OVER IN SIBERIA ON HIS WAY HOME FROM HIS OFFICIAL VISIT TO JAPAN LATER NEXT MONTH.

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SUMMIT 10-9

1ST ADD NIGHT LD SUMMIT LONDON UPI 90 X Y X MONTH.

ACCORDING TO PROTOCOL IT IS BREZHNEV'S TURN TO VISIT THE UNITED STATES AND A DATE IN THE EARLY SUMMER OF NEXT YEAR HAS BEEN MOOTED TENTATIVELY. THIS WOULD BE IN RETURN OF THE MOSCOW VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIXON LAST MAY WHEN THE FORMER PRESIDENT TRIED BUT FAILED TO CLINCH AN AGREEMENT WITH THE SOVIET ON COMPREHENSIVE CURES ON STRATEGIC NUCLEAR WEAPONS. SOVIET LEADERS APPARENTLY CONSIDER AN EARLIER MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL OR EVEN NECESSARY.

QUALIFIED COMMUNIST DIPLOMATS HAVE BEEN SAYING IN RECENT WEEK THAT IT HAS BECOME INCREASINGLY IMPORTANT TO OBTAIN CL/No Objection To Declassification in Full 2011/04/28 : LOC-HAK-261-4-56-6 INTENDS TO ADOPT. THE KREMLIN APPARENTLY HAS NOT BEEN PACIFIED BY HIS EARLIER DECLARATIONS THAT HE INTENDS NO CHANGE OF THE PRESENT FOREIGN POLICY.

SOME KREMLIN LEADERS WERE SAID TO HAVE DISCERNED SIGNS OF A HARDENING OF THE OLD NIXON LINE AND THE RECENT ATTACKS ON U.S. SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER, THE KEY ARCHITECT OF THE POLICY OF DETENTE HAVE INCREASED THEIR UNEASINESS OVER THE FUTURE RELATIONSHIP.

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2ND ADD NIGHT LD SUMMIT LONDONXX RELATIONSHIP

SOME OF TODAY'S REPORTS CLAIMED THAT THE ALLEGED SUMMIT IS IN FACT ALREADY UNDER ACTIVE PREPARATION, BUT NONE OF THIS WAS HOWEVER ASCERTAINABLE FROM OFFICIAL QUARTERS SO FAR.

THE REPORTS SAID THAT THE IDEA WAS MOOTED IN RECENT TALKS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN FORD AND SOVIET FOREIGN MINISTER ANDREI GROMYKO, HIMSELF A MEMBER OF THE POWERFUL POLITBUREAU.

IF THE MEETING MATERIALISES THE KEY TOPIC WOULD CENTER ON THE CRUCIAL PROBLEM OF A NEW STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION ACC
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FOR TOP LEVEL TALKS, BETWEEN OCT. 23-27 .

A SUMMIT WOULD, ACCORDING TO THE REPORTS EXTEND TO THE WIDER ISSUES OF DETENTE, ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THE FUTURE OF THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MOSCOW-BOUGHT EUROPEAN SECURITY CONFERENCE WHICH THE KREMLIN WANTS TO BE HELD SOON AT THE SUMMIT LEVEL -- A POINT IN PRINCIPLE CONCEDED BY NIXON TO BREZHNEV DURING HIS VISIT IN MAY.

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